


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:

an upper assembly formed from a plurality of upper frame members, the upper assembly adapted to support a cooking chamber; and,
a lower assembly having a shelf and a plurality of lower frame members wherein at least one frame member has an aperture, the shelf having at least one pin integrally extending from ~~positioned adjacent~~ an edge of the shelf, the pin cooperatively dimensioned with the aperture such that the pin is removably received by the aperture to connect the shelf and the frame member and secure the lower assembly.

 Claim 2 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1 wherein the lower frame members define an interior space and the shelf is cooperatively dimensioned with the interior space such that the shelf is positioned within the interior space.

Claim 3 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1 wherein the shelf is a wire rack.

Claim 4 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1 wherein the aperture has an inner diameter adapted for frictional engagement with the pin.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1 further comprising a bushing positioned within the aperture, the bushing adapted to receive a portion of the pin.

Claim 7 (currently amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:

an upper assembly formed from a plurality of upper frame members, the upper assembly adapted to support a cooking chamber;
a plurality of lower frame members wherein at least one frame member has an aperture; and,
a shelf having at least one pin integrally attached to the shelf and extending outwardly from ~~positioned adjacent~~ an edge of the shelf, the pin

cooperatively dimensioned with the aperture such that the pin is removably received by the aperture to connect the shelf and the frame member and secure a lower assembly.

Claim 8 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 7 wherein the frame members define an interior space and the shelf has a perimeter cooperatively dimensioned with the interior space such that the shelf is positioned within the interior space.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:

a frame assembly adapted to support a cooking chamber, the frame assembly having a plurality of frame members wherein at least one frame member has an aperture; and,

a shelf having at least one pin ~~positioned adjacent~~ extending from an edge of the shelf, the pin

cooperatively dimensioned with the aperture such that the pin is removably received by the aperture to connect the shelf and the frame member.

Claim 10 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 9 wherein the frame members define an interior space and the shelf has a perimeter cooperatively dimensioned with the interior space such that the shelf is positioned within the interior space.

Claim 11 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 9 wherein the shelf is positioned in a lower portion of the frame assembly.

Claim 12 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 9 wherein the shelf is positioned in an upper portion of the frame assembly.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended) A frame assembly for an outdoor cooking device, the frame assembly comprising:

an upper assembly;

a lower assembly having a shelf and a plurality of lower frame members

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wherein at least one frame member has an aperture, the shelf having at least one pin positioned extending from ~~adjacent~~ an edge of the shelf, an extent of the pin is cooperatively dimensioned with the aperture such that the pin is removably received by the aperture to connect the shelf and the frame member.

Claim 15 (original) The frame assembly of claim 14 wherein the lower frame members define an interior space and the shelf is cooperatively dimensioned with the interior space such that the shelf is positioned within the interior space.

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (currently amended) A frame assembly for an outdoor cooking device, the frame assembly comprising:

a plurality of frame members wherein at least one frame member has an aperture;

a shelf having a major extent residing along a horizontal plane; the shelf having at least one pin positioned adjacent an edge of the shelf and extending beyond the horizontal plane; the pin cooperatively dimensioned with the aperture such that the pin is removably received by the aperture to connect the shelf and the frame member.

Claim 18 (original) The frame assembly of claim 17 wherein the frame members define an interior space and the shelf is cooperatively dimensioned with the interior space such that the shelf is positioned within the interior space.

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (original) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:


an upper assembly formed from a plurality of upper frame members, the upper assembly adapted to support a cooking chamber;

a lower assembly having a shelf and a plurality of lower frame members, the shelf having at least one securing member, the securing member adapted to

move between a first position, wherein the securing member slidably engages a portion of an inner wall of the lower frame member, and a second position, wherein the securing member lockingly engages a portion of a bottom wall of the lower frame member.

- Claim 21 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 20 wherein the lower frame members define an interior space and the shelf is cooperatively dimensioned with the interior space such that the shelf is positioned within the interior space.
- Claim 22 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 20 wherein the shelf is a wire rack.
- Claim 23 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 20 wherein the securing member is biased towards the second position.
- Claim 24 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 20 wherein the shelf provides structural integrity to the lower assembly when the securing member is located at the second position.
- Claim 25 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 20 wherein when the securing member is located at the second position, the lower assembly has a sufficient amount of structural integrity to support the upper assembly.
- Claim 26 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 20 wherein the lower frame members comprise a plurality of lower vertical members and at least one lower horizontal member.
- Claim 27 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 26 wherein at the second position, the securing member engages a bottom wall of the lower horizontal member.
- Claim 28 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 20 wherein the lower frame members comprise a plurality of lower vertical members and at least one lower cross-member.
- Claim 29 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 28 wherein at the second position, the securing member engages a bottom wall of the lower cross-member.

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Claim 30 (original) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:
a frame assembly formed from a plurality of frame members defining an interior space, the frame assembly adapted to support a cooking chamber, the frame assembly having at least one lower frame member; and,
a shelf generally positioned within the interior space, the shelf having at least one securing member, the securing member adapted to move between a first position, wherein the securing member slidingly engages a portion of an inner wall of the lower frame member, and a second position, wherein the securing member lockingly engages a portion of a bottom wall of the lower frame member.

Claim 31 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 30 wherein the securing member is biased towards the second position.

Claim 32 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 30 wherein the securing member is an elongated tab.

Claim 33 (original) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:
a frame assembly formed from a plurality of frame members defining an interior space, the frame assembly adapted to support a cooking chamber, the frame assembly having at least one lower frame member; and,
a shelf generally positioned within the interior space, the shelf having at least one securing member and at least one finger, the securing member adapted to move between a first position, wherein the securing member slidingly engages a portion of an inner wall of the lower frame member and the finger slidingly engages a portion of the inner wall, and a second position, wherein the securing member lockingly engages a portion of a bottom wall of the lower frame member and the finger engages a portion of the inner wall.

Claim 34 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 33 wherein the securing member is biased towards the second position.

- Claim 35 (original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 33 wherein the securing member is an elongated tab.
- Claim 36 (new) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1 wherein the at least one pin includes a downwardly extending portion configured to be inserted into said aperture when the shelf is lowered onto said frame member.
- Claim 37 (new) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:
an upper assembly formed from a plurality of upper frame members, the upper assembly adapted to support a cooking chamber;
a plurality of lower frame members wherein at least one frame member has an aperture; and,
a shelf generally residing along a horizontal plane; the shelf having at least one pin extending beyond the edge of the horizontal plane and cooperatively dimensioned with the aperture such that the pin is removably received by the aperture to connect the shelf and the frame member and secure a lower assembly.
- Claim 38 (new) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 37 wherein the frame members define an interior space and the shelf has a perimeter cooperatively dimensioned with the interior space such that the shelf is positioned within the interior space.
- Claim 39 (new) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 37 wherein the at least one pin extends beyond the interior space and is angled to cooperate with the at least one frame member.
- Claim 40 (new) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 9 wherein the shelf generally resides along a horizontal plane and the at least one pin extends in a direction away from the horizontal plane.
- Claim 41 (new) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 40 wherein the at least one pin is angled to cooperate with at least one of said plurality of frame members.

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Claim 42 (new) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 9 wherein the pin includes a downwardly extending portion configured for insertion into said aperture when the shelf is lowered onto said frame member.

Claim 43 (new) The frame assembly of claim 17 wherein said at least one pin has a downwardly extended portion configured to be inserted into the aperture when said shelf is lowered onto the frame member.

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